

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 15, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-2 and 25-52 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 3-24 have been cancelled, and claims 25-52 have been added. Claims 1 and 2 are objected to. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested for reasons presented herein.

Claims 1-2 are amended to correct matters of form. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents.

35 USC § 102

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Rhodes*, U.S. Patent No. 644,638. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, 16 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102 (b) as being anticipated by *Tullos*, U.S. Patent No. 4,313,318. These claims have been cancelled.

Claims 10-20 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Derrick*, U.S. Patent No. 2,312,323. These claims have been cancelled.

New Claims

With respect to new claims 25, *Rhodes* discloses gripping roller (d9) adapted to move along a recess (d5) in the base of the rotary head (D). *Tullos* discloses a kelly bushing having a pair of rollers adapted to non-rotatably receive and vertically guide the kelly. *Derrick* discloses a roller drive having a body that includes non-movable laterally extending slots for receiving the roller. The references, neither alone nor in

combination, teach, show, or suggest one or more guide members coupled to the one or more engagement members, wherein movement of the guide members causes the one or more engagement members to engage or disengage the torque transmission member, as recited in new claim 25 and claims depending therefrom. Additionally, the references, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest at least one guide member movably coupled to the body, wherein movement of the roller along the at least one guide member causes the roller to engage or disengage the kelly, as recited in new claim 42 and claims depending therefrom.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this office action.

Conclusions

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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